

**HIST 1380 A01**  
**An Introduction to Modern World History 1800-Present**  
**May 2018**

Time: M-F 1:30-3:30 May 7 to May 30

Room: 406 Tier Building

Instructor: George Buri

**Textbook:** *The Earth and Its Peoples: A Global History*. Volume II: Since 1500. Fifth Edition. Bulliet, Crossley, Headrick, Hirsch and Johnson.

I recommend that you purchase the textbook as it will supply supplementary information that we do not have time to cover in lectures and provide context for your primary source paper. However, it is not mandatory and I will not be teaching directly from it.

**Office Hours:** My office is located at 343 University College. Please feel free to make an appointment after class M/W/F to discuss assignments or any other issues related to the course. You can also e-mail me any time at [George.buri@umanitoba.ca](mailto:George.buri@umanitoba.ca)

**Objectives:**

1. Content: World history is the study of the interactions between various peoples in the global past. The course begins in 1800 when perhaps the most important transformation in the history of humankind, the Industrial Revolution, was taking place. In this course, we will focus upon the impact of industrialization on human societies including its role in Imperialism, technological, ecological and cultural change, development of political philosophies and total warfare. Specific themes to be covered include: The 19th Century peak of European colonialism, the rise of socialism and fascism, the two World Wars, de-colonization and national liberation movements, and the rise of American empire.
2. Skills: In studying world history since 1800 we will develop certain skills that have relevance beyond historical study. These include critical evaluation of secondary sources, understanding primary sources by placing them into their proper context, writing essays, and contributing to group discussions.

**Assignments:**

Research Essay = 30% (Due May 18)

Primary Source Analysis Essay = 25% (Due May 25)

Mid Term Exam = 15% (May 16)

Final Exam = 30% (June 1 9:00 am)

*Since this is a course that meets the University Senate's W requirement, students must complete all assignments with a passing grade in order to pass the course*

Students who wish to appeal a grade given for term work must do so within 10 working days after the grade for the term work has been made available to them.

*The Primary Source Analysis Essay:* You will be required to write a 6-8 page (1500-2000 word) essay on one of three possible topics. For each topic you will have to answer a specific question based upon a collection of primary sources (a guide to the assignment which includes required readings is available electronically through UM Learn).